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Applicant : C. Stuart Johnson, et al.
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Title : SWITCHING DEVICE WITH MULTISTAGE QUEUING SCHEME
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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of October 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claim 22. The now pending claims are as follows:

1. In a switching device, a method of communicating data packets from sending ports to destination ports, the method comprising:

storing in a first stage queue packet-related data from a sending port;

determining from the packet-related data which destination ports are to receive the packet-related data in the first stage queue;

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